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1. THE PRC UTILIZATION OF THE TEN EX-KMT POWS IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN PURE AND SIMPLE PROPAGANDA TACTICS AGAINST THE RIGID AND OBTUSE TAIWAN AUTHORITIES. HAVING PERSISTED ON THIS COURSE THROUGH THE SUICIDE OF ONE OF THE TEN, WHICH AGAIN THE PRC LOCAL AUTHORITIES PLAYED TO THE HILT, THE US TURN TO BE DRAGGED IN HAS COME UP. THE JULY 3 SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST REPORTS THAT ONE OF THE TEN, ASKING NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED, HAD CALLED IN TO REPORT THAT HE WAS WANDERING ABOUT TOWN, HAD NOT RETURNED TO HIS HOTEL FOR TWO DAYS, AND WAS DESPONDENT. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS TUAN KO-WEN.

2. WE VIEW THE TUAN APPLICATION AS ONE WHICH MUST BE ACTED UPON IMMEDIATELY. IF WE ARE GOING TO DO IT, WHY DELAY AND RISK THE PUBLICITY WE WANT TO AVOID? IF HE IS DESPONDENT AND CHOOSES THE SUICIDE ROUTE, (WE HAVE TO BEAR IN MIND THAT AFTER 25 YEARS IN PRISON AND A CRUSHING DISAPPOINTMENT TUAN CANNOT BE

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COUNTED ON TO REACT RATIONALLY) OUR CALLOUSNESS ON TOP OF

THAT OF TAIWAN WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CALLED TO PUBLIC ATTENTION. IF PRC WISHES TO EXPLOIT IT THEN ANY DELAY IN PROCESSING TUAN AND GETTING HIM TO THE US ONLY PLAYS INTO THEIR HANDS AND PROVIDES A CONTINUING SUBJECT OF PUBLICITY. INFORMING TUAN THAT HE HAS A MONTH TO WAIT AROUND HONG KONG WHILE WE CONSIDER HIS APPLICATION IS UNLIKELY TO CALM HIS FEARS AND THE TASK OF BABY-SITTING HIM FOR A MONTH WOULD NOT BE A SIMPLE ONE.

3. THEREFORE, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND PROMPT AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH I-512 PAROLE PROCEDURE. ON AN IF ASKED BASIS, WE WOULD THEN REPLY TO LOCAL PRESS THAT TUAN'S CASE WAS HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.
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